

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Friday, January 2, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 2, 2004, Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Mark Ellis, Gordon Quan, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D., Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Mr. Anthony Hall, City Attorney; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present.

At 11:00 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order and led all in the prayer and pledge of allegiance

At 11:00 a.m. the City Secretary called the roll. All present.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RECOMMENDATION from the Director Finance & Administration for approval of Individual Fidelity Bond Form for **BILL WHITE, MAYOR** in the penal sum of \$50,000.00 and **ANNISE D. PARKER, CITY CONTROLLER** in the penal sum of \$50,000.00 as required by the City Charter and the Code of Ordinances - \$647.50 Total Premium - Insurance Management Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2004-0001 ADOPTED.
2. CONFIRM appointment of Council Member Carol Alvarado as Mayor Pro Tem – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2004-0002 ADOPTED.

Council Members Quan and Ellis congratulated Council Member Alvarado for being appointed Mayor Pro Tem and stated that they knew she would do a wonderful job.

Council Member Alvarado thanked Mayor White for the appointment and stated that she was proud to be his friend for over 10 years and to now serve side by side; thanked her colleagues for their votes and Council Member Quan and his staff for keeping all on track and making an easy transition for new Council Members; and introduced her family and asked them to stand to be recognized.

3. RECEIVE nominations for Vice Mayor Pro Tem – was before Council. Council Member Edwards moved to nominate Council Member Goldberg as Vice Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Ellis.

Council Member Quan moved to close nominations, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2004-0003 ADOPTED.

- 3a. APPOINT Vice Mayor Pro Tem – was before Council. Council Member Quan moved to confirm the appointment of Council Member Mark Goldberg as Vice Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2004-0004 ADOPTED.

Mayor White stated that he was extremely impressed with the way Council Members worked together to make sure this new Council could be started with the tradition of having as many unanimous votes as they could; that there was much work for all to do and he appreciated those who appreciated that fact and allowed them to get on with city business; that he looked forward to working with each Council Member, they were a great group of people who loved the city and he wanted to make sure everyone worked together on making sure they treated each with civility and respect and that they conduct meetings as best they could and interpret them by the rules; and introduced his family and asked them to stand to be recognized.

Council Members recognized their family, friends and staff.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 12:00 noon upon MOTION by Council Member Wiseman, seconded by Council Member Galloway.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary